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## Sen. Allen, Rep. Walker pledge to help Kingsley High School

**Lansing** – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, and state Rep. Howard Walker, R-Traverse City, are working hard to assist Kingsley High School with the extensive roof damage resulting in canceled classes.

"I am very concerned about the impact that any school closure will have on the students in Kingsley," Allen said. "This is a very serious problem facing these students and our community that will take all of us working together to solve."

Allen and Walker had a first-hand look at the damage on Saturday as they toured the school to get a better understanding of the situation. During the walk-through, Allen and Walker inspected the roof trusses and viewed the damage done by the snow buildup.

"After seeing the bent and broken beams it is obvious that it will take a significant amount of time before the building is safe again for use," Allen said. "I will work diligently with the members of our community to ensure that the needs of Kingsley's students are still met while the building is repaired."

Both lawmakers have informed state legislative leaders about the situation in Kingsley. Allen also has contacted the governor's office on the situation and will be meeting with her office in the coming days.

"This is a very unfortunate incident," Walker said. "We hope to work with Kingsley Schools and the State of Michigan to get them back up and running as soon as possible so we can move forward in a manner that will have the least impact on the education of the students."